

104<sup>TH</sup> CONGRESS  
1<sup>ST</sup> SESSION

# **S. J. RES. 32**

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MAY 1, 1995

Referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

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## **JOINT RESOLUTION**

Expressing the concern of the Congress regarding certain recent remarks that unfairly and inaccurately maligned the integrity of the Nation's law enforcement officers.

Whereas police today are in more danger and face greater risks than ever before, with thousands being assaulted and hundreds being killed or injured each year;

Whereas attacks on the Nation's law enforcement officers directly endanger the safety and well-being of all American citizens by incapacitating and wounding those who protect all of us;

Whereas America's law enforcement officers are increasingly being confronted not only with physical attacks, but with malicious, mean-spirited, and misleading character assassinations that unnecessarily malign the overwhelming majority of honest and ethical law enforcement officers while at the same time undermining public confidence in our country's duly established system of criminal justice; and

Whereas persons who hold positions of special social responsibility, such as attorneys, officers of the courts, and instructors of our youth, by virtue of their position bear a heightened responsibility not to mislead the public, and especially not to mislead the public at the expense of those upon whom we all rely for protection: Now, therefore, be it

1       *Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives*  
 2       *of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*  
 3       **SECTION 1. SENSE OF CONGRESS CONCERNING LAW EN-**  
 4       **FORCEMENT OFFICERS.**

5       It is the sense of Congress that—

6           (1) this Nation owes a debt of the greatest  
 7       magnitude to the men and women who daily serve  
 8       the people of America as law enforcement officers;

9           (2) the integrity, honesty, dedication, and sac-  
 10      rifice of this Nation's law enforcement officers con-  
 11      stitute the very bedrock of the rule of law, which dis-  
 12      tinguishes a free society from a state of tyranny;  
 13      and

14          (3) America's police deserve the thanks and  
 15      support of the people of the United States, which

1       are hereby tendered by their elected Senators and  
2       Representatives.

Passed the Senate April 7 (legislative day, April 5),  
1995.

Attest:

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*Secretary.*